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Advertisement of marriages and deaths free—obituary notices and notices of public sale.

Railroad Guide. Passenger trains leave Clarksville as follows: South—7:15 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. North—7:25 A. M. and 8:45 P. M.

CITY ELECTION

By virtue of authority in me vested, I will open and hold an election at the Court House in Clarksville, on the second SATURDAY after the first Monday in January, 1878, (that is on the 11th day of January, 1878), for the purpose of electing a Mayor and eight Aldermen to the City of Clarksville, for the term of two years and until their successors are qualified, commencing on the 1st day of February, 1878.

H. B. WILKINS, City Marshal.

MUNICIPAL.

FOR MAYOR.

We are authorized to announce JOHN RICK as a candidate for election to the office of Mayor at the City of Clarksville, on the 11th day of January, 1878.

We are authorized to announce C. WENZLER as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing election. Election to be held January 11, 1878.

We are authorized to announce M. SUTLEY as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing election. Election to be held January 11, 1878.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE A. LILSON as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing election. Election to be held January 11, 1878.

FOR ALDERMEN.

We are authorized to announce JOHN W. FAY as a candidate for Alderman of the Seventh Ward at the ensuing election. Election to be held January 11, 1878.

We are authorized to announce MARK PARRIS as a candidate for Alderman of the Sixth Ward at the ensuing election. Election to be held January 11, 1878.

We are authorized to announce J. J. HAMLETT as a candidate for Alderman of the Third Ward at the ensuing election. Election to be held January 11, 1878.

We are authorized to announce ANTHONY DIXON as a candidate for Alderman of the Fourth Ward at the ensuing election. Election to be held January 11, 1878.

OUR subscribers will please examine the printed direction of their paper, and if they are in arrears, will confer a favor by calling and paying up.

DRIVE dull care away by smoking A. A. Johnson's fine cigars.

THE Methodist church in New Providence has a new bell.

THE next issue of the CHRONICLE will be dated January 5, 1878.

THE bridge over Red River, on the Russellville pike, has been repaired.

THE first week of January, 1878, will be observed by all the ministers in this city as a week of prayer.

DON'T fail to attend Prof. Willoughby's entertainment to-night.

ELDER W. E. MOBLEY will preach at Hazelwood Church to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock a. m.

Go and see the Paris dressed Dolls at Cooke's. The cheapest and prettiest lot of Toys in town are there.

CONGRESS has adjourned for the holidays and will not meet again until the 10th of January.

DON'T delay too long, but go to Stoughton's at J. G. Joseph and J. G. Joseph & Bro's, and buy goods for a song during the holidays.

SALAM church, on the Southside, will have a Christmas tree for the young folks next Monday night. Brother Cullum will report.

COL. A. G. GOODLETT and Mr. W. S. Pindexter have moved from New Providence to this city, and will become permanent citizens.

SERVICE of prayer and praise at the Methodist church from 9 to 10 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, Dec. 25. No sermon—everybody invited.

THERE will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church in South Clarksville next Wednesday night, for the Sunday School children.

MR. GEO. ROSSINGTON, formerly with W. J. Powers & Co., of New Providence, has accepted the position of book-keeper in the tobacco factory of R. K. Gold & Co.

THE Knights of Honor of this city will meet at their hall next Thursday night at 7 o'clock, sharp. Every member is requested to be present.

TWO of the workmen engaged on Mr. Ed. Whitfield's new granary, fell from the scaffolding yesterday morning, but sustained no serious injury.

B. E. PINKER, a farmer, committed suicide on the 11th inst. at his residence near Bumpus Mills, Stewart county, by taking laudanum, camphor and morphine.

THE greatest wonder of the age is that J. G. Joseph, Star Clothier, and J. G. Joseph & Bro., Dry Goods, can sell goods of all descriptions in their line at less prices than can be bought in any other place in the South.

OUR young friend, H. T. Layle, merchant at Seary's Ferry, has just received a large assortment of goods suitable for Christmas presents for his country friends. He is a live, energetic man and means business. Call and see him.

DR. C. A. MEIER, of Chicago, who has been in the city a couple of weeks past practicing his profession, returned home to spend the holidays, after which he will return to our city, bringing with him his wife. The Doctor is an affable gentleman, and during his stay here has won many friends, who will be glad to welcome him back again.

Christmas.

With one accord the world is getting ready for its Christmas festival; Congress postpones its dreary traverses till after New Year's day; the State Legislature engages to have done with the question of the State debt by New Year's eve, our merchants convert their stores into emporia of Christmas fare and Christmas gifts, our schools dismiss their happy throngs for Christmas sports, as hunting by day and masquerades by night, and even the sober CHRONICLE rests for a week, being troubled with the "silver question" no further than by the scarcity of that currency in the editorial pockets, which would be much improved by monetization. Let our readers with ourselves, then, sweep their brains clear of the cobwebs which have been accumulating there for fifty-one weeks, and instead of scheming for more money give themselves to the enjoyment of money's worth. Nor let them forget the sacred origin of the Christmas festival, but remember the gracious coming of a God-man as the earnest of pardoning love and reconciliation. As a memento of this deeper meaning of the Christmas feast, we give one of our translations of the ancient Christmas hymns. Last year our extract expressed the tranquil anticipation of Christmas, this day it gives with the glad fruition of Christmas day.

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY.

John redeptor omnium.

Thou all-wise redeemer, bring us home, Thou all-merciful, bring us home, With waking splendor heard, Thou who hastenest our need, Hear while with thee Thy Church doth plead.

Light of the Father's glory And living hope of all, In human guise before thee, Thy servants prostrate fall; Thou who hastenest our need, Hear while with thee Thy Church doth plead.

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ELOCUTION.

Humorous and Dramatic Readings by Prof. J. Willoughby.

Our citizens enjoyed a truly intellectual treat in the entertainment given by Prof. Reade on Saturday and Monday nights. These consisted of readings and recitations, serious and comic, from standard authors, and some of the origin of which is unknown to us, probably the composition of the reader himself. The merits of Prof. Reade are first the essential one of a refined and finished elocution, and, in addition to this, great powers of expression and a keen sense of humor. His elocution, though an elementary quality, is a very rare one; we mean the faculty by which every sentence, clause, word and syllable becomes distinctly audible and intelligible, without any unpleasant straining of the voice.

His comic selections are chiefly from Dickens and Mark Twain, and the hearty and sustained merriment of the audience is sufficient commentary upon them. His efforts in serious declamation show greater power of elocution and an intensity of expression rarely equalled; we have but one drawback to mention, and that is that the majority of them are not selected from standard authors, at least one selection from Shakespeare would, we think, have been welcome. Those which were taken from standard authors, were the best rendered and the best appreciated. Concerning this latter one, we have a few words of criticism to give. We will premise by saying that it is the best reading of Poe's "Raven" we have ever heard, and taken as a struggle of conflicting passions there was a variety and force of expression given to it which shows a mastery power of elocution. But when we say that it is the best reading of the poem that we ever heard, we feel bound to add that we have never heard it read so as to realize our idea of the poet's intention. This we take to be a depth of mental despair in which the stage of passionate conflict has long been passed—a despair which has almost given up the idea of hope. For one moment the thought of possible re-union with lost Lenore raises it to a yearning that almost reaches the plane of passionate aspiration, but it dies away in the despairing "Nevermore," and stays impressed upon the fancy as a regretful thought of what might have been rather than an aspiration after something still within the sphere of human hopes. The mode of recitation to express this would be a low monotone, rising for a few lines into a slight swell of agitation, and then sinking with the last "Nevermore" into a wall of despair deeper and sadder even than the commencing gloom. Whether this idea of the poem could be realized at all in a public recitation is doubtful, and we think it probable that it cannot, and that the piece had better not be used for that purpose. Mr. Reade has done with it what can be done, and we thank him for the effort. In Browning's "Good News from Ghent" and the anonymous "Karl the Martyr," he leaves nothing to be desired—except a little more of the same sort.

Young Ladies' Bazaar.

The entertainment, or rather cluster of entertainments, given at the residence of Hon. D. N. Kennedy by the young ladies of the Presbyterian Church was a thorough success. Everybody went there with high expectation knowing the high character of the fair hostesses for graceful hospitality, and everybody found their expectations surpassed. The lovely weather added in no small degree to the efforts of the ladies, and though only four days before Christmas, parties of moonlight ramblers might be seen enjoying soft and genial atmosphere in the lawns and gardens of the residence. We will not attempt to recapitulate all the attractions; there was everything that could gratify the palate or delight the eye, and added to all the far more grateful charm of a kindly welcome expressed in terms of high-bred courtesy. Among the exciting events of the evening, the voting to determine which of the two college Societies should receive the banner of the young ladies elicited no small interest; the Stewart Society won it from the Washington Irving boys by a majority of 55.

We are glad to learn that the entertainment was a success financially as well as socially, the sum realized by the Presbyterian Church being quite a handsome one.

Life Size Lithographs.

For some weeks we have omitted the acknowledgments due to Messrs. H. O. Houghton & Co., for a very beautiful lithographic portrait of the New England poet, Whittier. The same firm have published portraits of Longfellow, Bryant and Lowell in the same style and sell them at the astonishing low price of one dollar each. The admirers of these writers and their names are legion—will not lose the opportunity of possessing a life-size portrait of their favorite at a most reasonable rate.

Southwestern Presbyterian University.

The College boys gave us their intermediate series of orations on Tuesday night, when the following addresses were delivered by the senior scholars:

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